

1999 FINAL CORN CROP ESTIMATE DOWN 4% FROM 1998 RECORD HIGH

Minnesota’s CORN production at 990 million bushels was down 4% from the record high set in 1998, but was up 1% from the November 1, 1999 forecast, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield at 150.0 bushels per acre was down 3 bushels from the record high set in 1998.

SOYBEAN production at 282.9 million bushels was down 1% from the record high set in 1998, but unchanged from the November 1, 1999 forecast. Yield was at 41.0 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from the record high set in 1998.

SPRING WHEAT production totaled 78.0 million bushels, down 1% from the 1998 crop. Yield at 40 bushels per acre was down 1 bushel from a year earlier.

Minnesota’s OAT crop at 17.7 million bushels was down 9% from a year earlier. The 1999 yield at 59.0 bushels per acre was down 4 bushels from 1998.

BARLEY production of 8.5 million bushels was down 63% from 1998 and the lowest level since 1885. Acres harvested for grain in 1999 was 180,000 acres, the lowest level since 1880.

The SUGARBEET production of 9.45 million tons was down 3% from the record high set in 1998. Yield was at 20.1 tons per acre, down 1.1 tons from the record high set in 1998.

CANOLA production totaled 130 million pounds, down 55% from the 1998 crop. Canola growers planted 110,000 acres in 1999.

MINNESOTA & U. S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	1998 HARVESTED ACRES	1999 HARVESTED ACRES	1998 YIELD	1999 YIELD	1998 PRODUCTION	1999 PRODUCTION
MINNESOTA						
CORN FOR GRAIN (Bu)	6,750,000	6,600,000	153.0	150.0	1,032,750,000	990,000,000
SOYBEANS (Bu)	6,800,000	6,900,000	42.0	41.0	285,600,000	282,900,000
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,920,000	1,950,000	41.0	40.0	78,720,000	78,000,000
BARLEY (Bu)	415,000	180,000	55.0	47.0	22,825,000	8,460,000
OATS (Bu)	310,000	300,000	63.0	59.0	19,530,000	17,700,000
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	458,000	470,000	21.2	20.1	9,710,000	9,447,000
DRY BEANS 1/	175,000	165,000	1450	1550	2,538,000	2,558,000
CANOLA (Lb)	200,000	100,000	1450	1300	290,000,000	130,000,000
OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	87,000	77,000	1350	1450	117,450,000	111,650,000
NON-OIL SUNFLOWERS	38,000	43,000	1250	1200	47,500,000	51,600,000
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,550,000	1,600,000	3.60	3.50	5,580,000	5,600,000
OTHER HAY (Ton)	850,000	850,000	1.80	1.80	1,530,000	1,530,000

UNITED STATES						
CORN FOR GRAIN (Bu)	72,589,000	70,537,000	134.4	133.8	9,758,685,000	9,437,337,000
SOYBEANS (Bu)	70,441,000	72,476,000	38.9	36.5	2,741,014,000	2,642,908,000
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	15,148,000	14,768,000	34.9	34.1	528,469,000	503,132,000
BARLEY (Bu)	5,864,000	4,758,000	60.0	59.2	352,125,000	281,853,000
OATS (Bu)	2,755,000	2,453,000	60.2	59.6	165,981,000	146,218,000
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,450,700	1,527,100	22.4	21.8	32,499,000	33,319,000
DRY BEANS 1/	1,917,700	1,877,000	1586	1770	30,418,000	33,230,000
CANOLA (Lb)	1,076,000	1,044,000	1448	1306	1,557,800,000	1,363,680,000
OIL SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	2,897,000	2,695,000	1549	1298	4,486,360,000	3,497,820,000
NON-OIL SUNFLOWERS	595,000	746,000	1322	1131	786,802,000	844,042,000
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	23,672,000	23,985,000	3.48	3.50	82,310,000	83,924,000
OTHER HAY (Ton)	36,404,000	39,175,000	1.91	1.92	69,470,000	75,153,000

1/ Yield in lb; production in cwt.

MINNESOTA DECEMBER 1 SOYBEAN STOCKS RECORD HIGH

The Minnesota December 1, 1999 Grain Stocks Survey showed SOYBEANS stored in all positions at a record 246.7 million bushels, up slightly from the previous record on hand December 1, 1998, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. On-farm storage of 165 million bushels accounted for 67% of the total.

CORN stocks in all positions at 923.6 million bushels were up 2% from December 1, 1998 and the highest level on hand since December 1, 1987. On-farm stocks at 700 million bushels accounted for 76% of the total.

ALL WHEAT stocks in all positions at 71.2 million bushels were down 4% from 1998. On-farm stocks at 42 million bushels accounted for 59% of the total.

BARLEY stocks in all positions at 34.0 million bushels were down 8% from a year earlier. On-farm stocks at 4 million bushels made up 12% of the total.

OAT stocks in all positions at 26.8 million bushels were 16% below a year earlier. On-farm stocks at 9 million bushels, accounted for 34% of the total.

U. S. HIGHLIGHTS

CORN stocks in all positions on December 1, 1999 totaled 8.02 billion bushels, down slightly from December 1, 1998. Of the total stocks, 5.18 billion bushels were stored on farms, down 3% from a year ago.

SOYBEANS stored in all positions on December 1, 1999 totaled 2.18 billion bushels, down fractionally from December 1, 1998. On-farm stocks estimated at 1.15 billion bushels were down 3% from the same period a year ago.

ALL WHEAT in all storage positions December 1, 1999 totaled 1.88 billion bushels, down 1% from a year ago. On-farm stocks are 649 million bushels and off-farm stocks equal 1.23 billion bushels.

MINNESOTA & U. S. GRAIN STOCKS, DECEMBER 1

COMMODITY	ON FARM		OFF FARM		TOTAL ALL POSITIONS		% CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	

- 1, 000 BUSHEL-
MINNESOTA

CORN	680, 00	700, 000	223, 436	223, 563	903, 436	923, 563	+2
SOYBEANS	160, 00	165, 000	85, 920	81, 681	245, 920	246, 681	-
ALL WHEAT	48, 000	42, 000	26, 591	29, 249	74, 591	71, 249	- 4
BARLEY	11, 500	4, 000	25, 564	29, 985	37, 064	33, 985	- 8
OATS	10, 000	9, 000	21, 819	17, 822	31, 819	26, 822	- 16
HAY 1/	5, 261	5, 286	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

UNITED STATES

CORN	5, 320,		2, 731, 84	2, 839, 86	8, 051, 84	8, 019, 86	-
SOYBEANS	1, 187,	1, 150, 00	999, 440	1, 032, 19	2, 186, 44	2, 182, 19	-
ALL WHEAT	680, 20	648, 800	1, 215, 48	1, 230, 18	1, 895, 68	1, 878, 98	- 1
BARLEY	149, 00	108, 600	121, 535	119, 996	270, 535	228, 596	- 16
OATS	81, 500	82, 100	61, 835	53, 973	143, 335	136, 073	- 5
HAY 1/	111, 83	108, 668	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

1/ 1,000 tons